(d) According to available information, there are no Indian NGOs operating in relief camps in Sri Lanka.

(e) Does not arise.

Funds sanctioned to States under UNDP

*282. SHRI KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) with regards to protection of rural tourism how much funds have been sanctioned under the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), State-wise;

(b) the number of such sites in the N.E. Region;

(c) whether the rural areas near Sarthebari, Barpeta, Hajo in Assam would be included under UNDP assistance; and

(d) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for infrastructure development in rural sites having core-competency in art, craft, culture, handlooms/textiles etc. Community participation and capacity building including skill upgradation in such rural sites are supported through Government of India-United Nations Development Programme Endogenous Tourism Project and Capacity Building for Service Providers Scheme of the Ministry. Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned projects for development of 142 rural tourism sites to date. Out of these UNDP has extended support for capacity building in 36 rural tourism sites. The list of all Rural Tourism Projects sanctioned, including 33 projects in the North-East region, is given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below).

No project proposal for development of rural tourism sites in Sarthebari, Barpeta, Hajo in Assam has been received from the State Government. However, the Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned 9 projects for Rs. 3379.51 lakh during the first two years of Eleventh Five Year Plan to Assam including one project for the development of Tourism Circuit Dhubri-Mahamaya-Barpeta-Hajo for Rs. 497.94 lakh in 2007-08.

Statement

Details of sanctioned Rural Tourism Project

Sl. No.	States/Union Territory Administrations	No. of rural tourism projects sanctioned	Amount sanctioned (Infrastructure + Capacity Building) (Rs. In lakh)
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	6	349.20

1	2	3	4
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	3	182.12
3.	Assam	4	230.08
4.	Bihar	1	70.00
5.	Chhattisgarh	8	488.80
6.	Delhi	2	46.08
7.	Gujarat	5	365.03
8.	Haryana	1	70.00
9.	Himachal Pradesh	3	170.00
10.	Jammu and Kashmir	17	1103.13
11.	Jharkhand	2	134.77
12.	Karnataka	5	300.00
13.	Kerala	6	376.80
14.	Madhya Pradesh	8	495.65
15.	Maharashtra	2	140.00
16.	Manipur	3	149.75
17.	Meghalaya	2	123.29
18.	Nagaland	10	665.15
19.	Orissa	8	489.25
20.	Punjab	5	261.46
21.	Rajasthan	3	209.32
22.	Sikkim	6	387.74
23.	Tamil Nadu	8	478.23
24.	Tripura	5	295.83
25.	Uttarakhand	11	668.31
26.	Uttar Pradesh	3	165.41
27.	West Bengal	5	327.30
	TOTAL	142	8742.70